A shop of all the qualities that man
Loves woman for; besides, that hook of wiving,
Fairness which strikes the eye :—-—
CYM. I stand on fire:
Come to the matter.
LICK. All too soon I shall,
Unless thou would'st grieve quickly.—This Posthu-
mus,
(Most like a noble lord, in love, and one
That had a royal lover,) took his hint;
And, not dispraising whom we prais'd, (therein He was as calm as virtue) he began His mistress picture; which by his tongue being
made.
And then a mind put in't, either our brags Were crack'd of kitchen trulls, or his description Prov'd us unspeaking sots.
CYM. Nay, nay, to the purpose.
IACH. Your daughter's chastity—there it begins. He spake of her as Dian [4] had hot dreams, And she alone were cold : Whereat, I, wretch! Made scruple of his praise ; and wager'd with him Pieces of gold, 'gainst this which then he wore Upon his honour'd finger, to attain In suit the place of his bed, and win this ring By hers and mine adultery : he, true knight, No lesser of her honour confident

Shakspeare had at least an opportunity ot reading Chapman's translation of Homer, the first part of which was published in 1596, with additions in 1598, and entire in 1611, he might have taken these ideas from thence, without being at all indebted to his own particular observation, or acquaintance with statuary and painting. , It is surely more for his honour to remark how well he has employed the little knowledge he appears to have had of sculpture or mythology, than from his frequent allusions to them to suppose he was intimately acquainted with either. STEEVENS. <- — AS DUN —] i. e. as if Dian. So, in The Winter's Tale: ^ — he utters them *as* he had eaten ballads." MALONE.